

MCLB ALBANY SAFETYGRAM



People own guns for several reasons for hunting, for target practice, and/or for self-defense. Responsible gun ownership means learning and practicing behaviors that will help prevent needless injury, death and theft.

Handling of firearms begins with the four basic rules listed below. An easy way to remember these rules is to ACTT responsibly around firearms. ACTT stands for:

1. Assume every gun to be loaded.
2. Control the muzzle—point guns in a safe direction.
3. Trigger Finger—keep your finger off the trigger until ready to fire.
4. Target—be sure of your target and beyond.



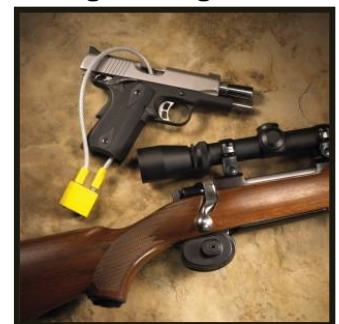
Five safety tips for firearms storage:

1. Secure firearm(s) and ammunition with locks.
2. Keep the keys to the lock(s) in a secure and safe place.
3. Store firearm(s) unloaded and not cocked.
4. Store ammunition separately from firearm(s) and away from moisture and heat.
5. Do not store firearm(s) or ammunition with valuables that are likely to be stolen.



Three methods to secure Firearm(s):

1. Trigger Locks. Never use a trigger lock on a loaded gun.
2. Cable lock. A gun will not fire when a cable lock is used to stop the cylinder of a revolver from closing, or when the cable is fed through the barrel of a revolver or semi-automatic pistol.
3. Firearm Safe or lock box. A firearm safe or lock box provides the additional advantage of keeping firearms out of sight. To be effective they must be made of sturdy, hard to penetrate materials such as heavy gauge steel and have a strong locking mechanism.



For more information about firearms safety, click www.nssf.org/safety/basics



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